



NEWSLETTER



Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance

So many things happening around SMTMD..... The board had its first meeting of the year at my house in Leonardtown on Monday, January 16th, since the potentially hazardous weather squashed the dance of the 14th and our board meeting plans. Some of the topics we covered were the looming difficulty of nobody chairing the hospitality committee, confusion at the door of who gets free entry, and discussion and subsequent purchase of a new (more portable) sound system.

Hospitality. The goal of the hospitality function is to make people feel welcomed. I love chatting over a cup of tea and some sweets, don't you?

1. Sign up to host an event. The calendar below shows open hospitality slots. Call me: (240) 925-9797.
2. Bring your own water and/or coffee to the dances. There is a water fountain for refills.
3. The ice cream social will come at the break so the host can clean up earlier.
4. Consider bringing sharable snacks to concerts/open mics sometimes. Show off Grandma's dessert recipe, you know, the one the kids go gaga over.
5. And remember, the person acting as the Hospitality Chair for an event

always gets in free in addition to a reimbursement of money spent (within budget).

Confusion at the door. A question we often hear is: "Who gets in for free?" You will love this answer: children under 17; folks working the event (hospitality chair, sound person, band, performers, callers, and door workers).

Beside the free entries, there are also discounts that go to members. Show your membership card at the door to receive your discount.

Sound System. Our sincere thanks go out to Bob Augustine who researched and purchased us a new more portable sound system. This ought to streamline setup and breakdown time and save John Garner's back! Come out to the next event for some traditional sounds!

And finally, SMTMD shares in the responsibility of bringing great traditional music and dance to the Southern Maryland Community. If you are not a member, consider joining today.

Happy Valentine's Day,



2017 Calendar

January 14, Contra Dance, Greg Frock calling

January 27, Open Mic/Loftus, Stephenson co-Hospitality and Door.

February 11, Contra Dance, Susan Taylor calling/Szymkowiak at the door, Peterkin Hospitality

February 24, Open Mic

March 11, Contra Dance, Ann Fallon calling/Smith Hospitality

March 24, Open Mic

April 8, Contra Dance

April 28, Stephen Bennett Concert/Barbour Family Hospitality

May 13, Contra Dance

May 26, Open Mic

June 10, Contra Dance

June 23, Open Mic/Stephenson Family Hospitality

July/August, SUMMER BREAK

September 9, Contra Dance

September 22, Open Mic

October 14, Contra Dance

October 27, Open Mic

November 11, Annual Meeting/All Board Members Hospitality

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